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VIA ELECTRONIC-DELIVERY

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for an Accounting Order Seeking Authorization to Capitalize the Costs Incurred from the Removal and Relocation of a Spare Generating Step-up Transformer From V.C. Summer Nuclear Station to the Arthur M. Williams Generating Station

Docket No. 2011-213-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Public Service Commission that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above referenced filing and has met and discussed this matter with South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") personnel. In addition to the specifics in the Company's Application, our discussions revealed that this Spare Step-up Transformer is classified as transmission property and if placed into service would not be assigned to a specific generating station regardless of its final location. Instead it would remain in the transmission plant account. SCE&G has also agreed to use its lower system composite depreciation rate for step-up transformers of 2.21% for this spare until such time as it is inserted into the Company's transmission system, whereupon the depreciation rate will revert to the rate of the plant to which it is deployed. Contingent upon inclusion of these items in the approval, ORS has no objection to the Company's Request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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